

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, it is a real privilege to introduce this resolution to thank Sidney Johnsen Wayland of Lincoln who donated a historic manuscript, First Folio of William Shakespeare's plays which was published in 1623. These folios, there are no two which are exactly alike and this is one of approximately 200 copies still in existence in the world today. Some comments that were made when she gave the folio to the university, Mrs. Wayland, herself, said she remembers her father as a farm boy who worked hard, educated himself and lived for other people and many of you will remember him. He owned the Nebraska Book Store and started out in the book business as a young man and worked up to ownership. Kent Hendrickson, Dean of the UNL Library, has called it the single most important gift the libraries have received. Placing a value on it is almost impossible. It is commonly assumed to be the world's most valuable secular book, second only in value and importance to the Gutenberg Bible. Robert Knoll, Emeritus Professor of English at UNL, called the First Folio an antidote to cultural amnesia as well as a living text, observing that no two First Folios are exactly alike. Steven Hilliard, Chairman of the UNL Department of English, said the folio is a cultural icon which can help us keep Shakespeare in human perspective as a man of his time. I will speak...I will speak in the connection about this folio again in connection with my second resolution. And, at this time, I would just like to urge you to vote for this resolution so that we, as a Legislature and all citizens of Nebraska, can express our appreciation to Sidney Johnsen Wayland for this tremendous gift.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Is there anyone wishing to discuss LR 44? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on LR 44. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 44.

SPEAKER BAACK: LR 44 is adopted. We will now proceed to LR 45 by Senator Crosby.

CLERK: LR 45, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Crosby, found on page 967 of the Journal, asks the Legislature to urge state and local governmental agencies to publish, documents,